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to interest, instruct, and benefit its readers.

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To the friends of Temperance and the
public generally we now make our appeal
in behalf of this paper. The publisher
feeling it a matter of importance to the in-
terest of the Temperance cause in the Dis-
trict, as well as the general interest of the
cause, and having been, as he conceives,
Providentially placed in a situation at this
time when he can mingle this interest with
that of the business men, and thereby ren-
der a double service to the community, and
still further open a medium of communica-
tion by which our principles may be ex-
tended far and wide, at a cheap rate, he
has purchased a printing establishment, so
as not only to be able to put a daily paper
regularly to press, but also a weekly; and
still further, he is able to do any other print-
ing the public may be pleased to have done;
and he assures them that they shall have
no cause of complaint. He has made ar-
rangements by which he can devote his
time to the interest of the office and the pa-
per; and, having employed Mr. Charles W.
Fenton, who will be always on the spot, to
conduct the printing, he has no doubt but
that general satisfaction will be given. We
shall make arrangements to have the earliest
news; also the proceedings of Congress.

We wish all who are indebted for the pa-
per up to this time to pay up, as the affairs
of the tri-weekly must be closed. They
will perceive that we are about to give
them a better paper, double the number, at
the same price.

While the "COLUMBIAN FOUNTAIN" will
be devoted to the cause of Temperance, its
columns will be enriched by original articles
on subjects calculated to interest, instruct,
and benefit its readers. It is intended so to
blend variety, amusement, and instruction,
as that the various tastes of its patrons may
be (as far as it is practicable) gratified.
Commerce, Literature, and Science, and
every other subject of interest, not inconsis-
tent with Temperance and morality, will re-
ceive the earnest attention of the publisher.
Nothing of a sectarian, political, or personal
character will be admitted.

A Card.

THE subscriber takes this method to inform his
customers, and the public generally, that he
has, for the present, removed his Boot and Shoe
establishment on the opposite side of the street,
next door to Mr. Kinchey's confectionary, and op-
posite to Mr. Dyer's Auction Store, South side of
Pennsylvania Avenue, between 10th and 11th
streets, where he can be found at all times, ready
to execute any orders he may be favored with, at
the shortest notice, and in the best and most fas-
hionable style. He would also wish his customers
and the public generally, to take notice that his en-
tire stock will be sold, from and after this date, at
Cost, and no mistake. To those wishing to pur-
chase, he would say call and see his stock, consist-
ing of almost every article, size, quality and price,
in his line of business, worn by gentlemen, ladies,
boys, misses, youths and children.

THOMAS B. GRIFFIN.

N. B. The subscriber has on hand between 200
and 300 pairs black and white satin, and black and
white Kid slippers of the finest quality, at \$1 25
per pair. T. B. G.
March 25-tf

JUDSON'S PORTRAIT.—Subscriptions
will be received at Wm. Q. Fowce's book-store,
corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 10th street, for
copies of the Portrait of Dr. Judson, now in course
of preparation, and soon to be published under the
direction of the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions,
at the following prices: Lithograph, on good paper,
25 cents; on fine board, 50 cents; steel engraving,
on common plate paper, \$1; India proof impressions,
\$2. The Portrait is from a Painting by Harding,
and is in size nine inches by eleven. feb 6-tf

FOR SALE.

THE subscriber will sell, on accommodating terms,
the following property, to wit: the BRICK
HOUSE now occupied for the publication of the
Columbian Fountain, four TWO STORY FRAME
HOUSES, and a COTTAGE, fronting on First
street South, fronting the Capitol. Application
can be made either at my dwelling, near the Rail-
road, or Lumber Yard office, Seventh street, near
the Canal, where all kinds of BUILDING MAT-
TERIALS, together with CEMENT, CALCIN-
ED PLASTER, COAL, &c., &c., can be had
cheap for cash or short credit.
feb 17, 1846.—tf JOHN PURDY,

BUSINESS CARDS.

BENJAMIN HOMANS,
Auctioneer and Commission Merchant,
Between 10th and 11th Streets, fronting Penn-
sylvania Avenue.

Sales of Real Estate, Furniture, and Personal
Property, attended to at any place within the city.
March 9-tf

DENNIS PUMPHREY'S Livery Stable, cor-
ner of 6th and C. streets. Horses and Car-
riages to hire. Horses taken at livery, and kept
in the best manner.

A. GLADMON,
House Carpenter and Joiner.
Shop corner of 9th and M streets, Washington.
Where, at all times, Sash, Blinds, Doors, &c., can
be had. All manner of work in his line will be ex-
ecuted at the shortest notice.

HOMOEOPATHY.—Dr. Jonas Green, (late of
Philadelphia,) tenders his professional ser-
vices to the citizens of Washington and its vicinity,
as a practitioner of the Homoeopathic system of medi-
cine. His residence is on C street, near 3d.
dec 23-tf

BRISCOE & CLARKE, Dealers in Cloths, Cas-
simeres, Vestings, &c., Pennsylvania avenue,
a few doors west of Brown's Hotel.

ISAAC STODDARD.—Blacksmithing in gen-
eral, on Four and a half, between E and F sts.
Work done cheap.

WILLIAM P. SHEDD,
Old Centre Market, opposite J. Walker's.
KEEPS constantly for sale all kinds of fresh
meats; meat well dressed, and at moderate
prices. March 11-tf

PRESLEY SIMPSON, Pennsylvania Avenue,
North side, 2d door east of 11th street, keeps
a general assortment of Family Groceries.

ANDREW J. JOYCE, Horse Shoeing and
Smithing Establishment, successor to John
Daley, corner of 14th and E streets, near Fuller's
Hotel. Thankful for the patronage he has received
from a liberal public, he solicits a continuance
of the same.

H. GUNNELL—Dealer in Lumber,
Lime, Wood, &c. Corner of Canal and
6th streets, near Pennsylvania Avenue.

DR. HAMILTON P. HOWARD, tenders his
professional services to the citizens of Wash-
ington, D. C. He may be found at Dr. F. How-
ard's, N. E. corner of F and 11th sts. Dec 2—

RICHARD VANSANT,
Merchant Tailor and Gentlemen's furnishing store,
Pennsylvania avenue, between 14th and 15th
streets, and adjoining Fuller's Hotel.
March 12-tf

JONATHAN T. WALKER.—House car-
penter and joiner on K street, shop corner K
and 8th streets.

FRANCIS Y. NAYLOR,
Copper, Tin, Sheet-Iron and Stove Manufacturer.
Roofing, Guttering, Spouting, &c. South side
Pennsylvania avenue, near Third-street, Wash-
ington, City, D. C.

C. H. VAN PATTEN, M. D., Dentist,
PERFORMS all operations upon the Teeth,
Gums and Mouth, with the greatest care and
skill. Office near Brown's Hotel, and next door to
Todd's Hat Store. feb 25-ly

CHEAP FOR CASH!!
L. S. BECK & SON,
House-Furnishing Store, Pennsylvania
Avenue, South side, between 9th and 10th
streets, Washington.

We have on hand new and second-hand goods:
such as Bedsteads, Beds, and Bedding; Tables,
Chairs, Bureaus and Sideboards; China, Glass,
and Crockeryware, Cutlery, Hollow-ware of every
variety, Shovels and Tongs, Carpets, Brooms,
Brushes, Willow and Woodenware; with a va-
riety of articles too numerous to mention. apr 16

J. S. BALL,
Dealer in Tobacco, Snuff & Cigars, Pennsylvania
Avenue, between Fuller's & Gallabrun's Hotel.
April 22.

J. S. BALL also repairs Watches and Jewelry.
April 22-tf

EARTHENWARE, CHINA AND GLASS,
PURSELL, Importer and Dealer in E. Ware,
China and Glass, wholesale and retail, at
his store, opposite Brown's Hotel, Pennsylvania
avenue, Washington city, D. C.

CUPPING, LEECHING AND BLEEDING
A large supply of best Swedish Leeches,
already on hand, to be applied or for sale, by
SAM'L. DEVAUGHN, 9th street.
Who also has ICE for sale whenever called for,
as above. April 2-tf

W. WHITNEY.—Boot and Shoe Dealer,
opposite Brown's Hotel, Pennsylvania
Avenue, has received his fall stock of Boots and
Shoes suitable for plantation use, he invites the at-
tention of those who wish such articles, and prom-
ises them good bargains.

GEORGE COLLARD,
DEALER IN LUMBER, WOOD, COAL, LIME
SAND, AND CEMENT,
Corner of 6th st. and Missouri Avenue.
Nov. 4 2—

PROTECTION INSURANCE

COMPANY.
SHYATT, Agent for the Protection Insurance
Company of Hartford, Connecticut, offers to
insure houses, mills, factories, barns, and their con-
tents, and all other descriptions of insurable prop-
erty, against loss or damage by fire. The rates of
premium offered are as low as those of any other
similar institution, and every man has now an op-
portunity, for a trifling sum, to protect himself
against the ravages of this destructive element,
which often in a single hour sweeps away the earn-
ings of many years.

The course the office pursues in transacting their
business, and in the adjustment and paying of loss-
es, is prompt and liberal.

For terms of insurance, application may be made
to the above named agent, at his office, opposite
Brown's Hotel, in the city of Washington, who is
authorized to issue policies to applicants without de-
lay. D. W. CLARK, President.

W. CONNOR, Secretary. feb 8-tf S. SHYATT, Agent.

Hardware! Hardware!! Hardware!!!

E. WHEELER, Penn. Avenue, near 7th street.
HAS just opened an entire new and well select-
ed assortment of Hardware, Cutlery and
Fancy Goods, which he offers for sale at whole-
sale or retail, on as accommodating terms as they
can be had in the district.

His stock consists in part of the following arti-
cles: Roger's & Son's and others' Table Cutlery
in complete sets, Ivory, Buffalo, Buck, Bone, and
Cocoa Dining, and Desert Knives and Forks, Ger-
man Silver, and Britannia, Tea and Table Spoons,
Penknives, Razors, Scissors, Nut Picks, and
Crackers, Cooks', Butchers', Shoe and Carving
Knives, Snuffers and Trays, Plated, Steel and
Brass Audirons, Shovels and Tongs, Shovel
and Tong Stands, and Fenders, Tea Trays and Wait-
ers, in sets and separately, Bellmetal and Porce-
lain Preserving Kettles, Iron, Tin, Tea Kettles and
Sauce Pans, Long and Short Handle Frying Pans,
and Stove Pans, Ovens and Lids, Pots, Skillets,
Griddles and extra Lids, Iron Furnaces, Potatoe
Steamers, Mortars and Pestles, Warlike Irons, Sad
Irons, Skimmers, Ladles and Forks, Coffee Mills,
Sifters, Bread Toasters, &c., Shovels, Spades,
Forks, Hay and Straw Knives, Axes, Hatchets,
Hammers, Saws and Planes, Cut, wrought and
Horse Shoe Nails, Cut Tacks, Brads and Spar-
ables, Rim, Cottage, Mortise and Stock Locks,
Closet, Cupboard, Till, Chest, Trunk and Pad
Locks, Mortise' Stop, Knob and Thumb Latches,
and Belts, Table, Butt, Parliament, H. L. & Strap
Hinges, Palmer's pat. Blind Hinges, to fasten
back and to Farnham's pat. Window Blind fas-
teners, Common and Axle Sash Pulleys and sash
Cord, New England Co. Wood Screws all sizes,
Sofa Springs, Bed Screws, Castors and Furniture
Knobs, Curtain Bands and Pins, Iron and Brass
Haj and Coat Hooks, Single and Double Barrel
Guns and Apparatus, Brushes, Combs, Buttons,
Needles and Pins, Shoe Thread, Cotton, Worsted,
Diaper, Boot and Straining Web, Curry Combs,
Horse Cards, Wool Cards, Ox, Trace Halters,
Backband and Dog Chains, Brass, Copper and Iron
Wire, Round, Flat and Square Iron, Hoop and
Band Iron, Nail Rods, Burdens' pat. Horse Shoes,
Carriage Springs, Wagon Boxes, American and
English Blister, Cast and Sheer Steel, &c., &c.
All of which, he will sell as low as can be had
at any regular Hardware House in the city.
Washington, Nov. 4, 1845.

COMBS, BRUSHES, AND PERFUMERY.—
We have just returned from the North with an
extensive assortment of the above-named articles,
and are now ready to supply our customers with
the best and freshest Perfumery, consisting of Po-
matums, Ox Marrow, and Oils for beautifying
and promoting the growth of the hair; Cold Cream,
Lip Salve, Bay Rum, Farina Cologne, Lubin's Ex-
tracts for the handkerchief, with a great variety of
English and French Hair Brushes.

Also, Shell, Buffalo, and Horn dressing, tuck, and
side Combs; Nail and Tooth Brushes; a very fine
article of Purse, all of which we are determined
to sell cheaper than the cheapest.

S. PARKER'S Perfumery and
Fancy Store, bet. 9th and 10th streets,
Pennsylvania avenue. nov 4-tf

**GEORGE W. CLARKE, BUILDER, AND
GENERAL FURNISHING UNDERTAKER**
corner of Virginia avenue L and 9th street, near the
Navy Yard Gate—or at his residence, on the west
side of 11th street, near the eastern Branch bridge.
—Thankful for the liberal patronage with which
he has already been favored, he respectfully solicits a
continuance of the same.

Always on hand, ready for use, Pine, Cherry,
Walnut, Poplar, and Mahogany, which he manu-
factures into Coffins at the shortest notice, and on
the most reasonable terms.

Hearse and carriages furnished at the shortest
notice. All orders thankfully received and promp-
tly attended to at all hours, if left at the above place.
N. B.—Carpenters work in all its branches done
on the most reasonable terms, and at the shortest
notice.

Old Furniture repaired and varnished, and made
look equal to new. dec 18-6m

LOOK THIS WAY EVERY BODY:
Painting done by the art of Hocus Pocus.
THOMAS HILTON, House, Sign, and Orna-
mental Painter. Old Chairs repainted, and
Furniture varnished. He will be ready for the
prompt execution of work at all times, on the most
reasonable terms. Shop on 12th street, between
G and H streets. March 12-tf

CUMBERLAND COAL from the celebrated
mines of the Maryland Mining Com-
pany, and of a quality better than any heretofore of-
fered in this market, can be had by the car load, or
smaller quantity, at
J. PURDY'S
Coal and Lumber Yard, Centre-market.
feb 6-tf

GRAND DICTIONNAIRE FRANCAIS—
Anglais, et Anglais Francais; by Professors
Fleming and Tibbins. In two large quarto vo-
lumes.

"Rédigé d'après la sixième édition du Diction-
naire de l'Académie Française, le complément de
ce dictionnaire, la dernière édition de Chambans,
Garnier, et J. Desbarrières, le Dictionnaire Gram-
matical de Laveau, et le Lexique Universel de
Boiste, les Dictionnaires Anglais de Johnson, Todd,
Ash, Webster, et Crabbe, et les principaux ou-
vrages technologiques de l'une et l'autre langue; et
containing all the words in use in both lan-
guages, together with the obsolete terms connected
with polite literature; technical terms used in the
arts, sciences, and manufactures, in the naval and
military sciences, in law, trade, and commerce; geo-
graphical and mythological terms, with the ad-
jectives or epithets elucidating history; a literal pro-
nunciation of English words for the use of the
French student, and of French words for the Eng-
lish; accurate and discriminating definitions, with
examples and illustrations tending to display and
fix the signification, import, rank, and character, of
each individual word; peculiar constructions, modes
of speech, idioms, sayings, and proverbs; etymology,
exhibiting words in their origin and affinities;
grammar, synonymy, &c. Published in Paris in
1845. Imported (a single copy only) by
feb 7-tf F. TAYLOR.

MEDICAL NOTICE.
DR. PHILANDER GOULD offers his profes-
sional services to the citizens of Washington.
Office on Pennsylvania avenue, opposite Messrs.
Brown's Hotel. April 11-3m

New Flour Store.

THE subscriber has taken the warehouse on the
north side of water street, opposite Messrs.
Read & Son, and intends keeping a supply of all
the various grades of flour. He will endeavor to
make it the interest of dealers in the article to give
him a call, as he is determined to sell at small pro-
fits. LEWIS BROOKS,
Water street, Georgetown. feb 7-tf

IMPORTANT PROCEEDINGS.

Concluded

With regard to weights, the committee
found that in many articles, groceries espe-
cially, the effect of the dust was to add ve-
ry materially to their weight.

(Here one of the members rose and asked
the chairman of the committee whether he
designed to cast a reflection upon an hono-
rable body of men, by insinuating that the
grocers purposely exposed their goods so
as to catch the dust, and thus unfairly in-
crease the weight. The chairman of the
committee promptly disclaimed any such in-
tention; yet such a warmth of feeling sud-
denly arose as was very near causing con-
siderable altercation. But after some vio-
lent gestures had been made by one, and a
great many faces by the other, the matter
was at last amicably settled.)

Reports were also presented from the
committees on the Judiciary, on Foreign
Relations, on Internal Improvements, and
on Finance, all of which were highly im-
portant, but which, I fear, would be ex-
cluded from your columns on account of their
length.

After the reports had all been read, and
some minor points disposed of, the main
question of the meeting came up for consi-
deration; viz: "How is the evil to be re-
medied?" There was now before the meet-
ing such a body of information, as would
enable them to act understandingly upon the
subject.

The chairman stated that as it had been
requested at the previous meeting that each
member should come prepared to propose
some feasible plan, he hoped there would
be no difficulty in coming to a unanimous
agreement.

The first member who arose stated that,
as he had been a great sufferer, he had given
to the subject very serious deliberation,
and it was perfectly clear to his mind that
so long as there was dust upon the Avenue,
it would blow into the stores and ruin goods.
"For sir," exclaimed he, "as well might
we attempt to gather its particles one by
one, and lay each in its place again, after
they have been scattered by the winds, as to
remedy the evil while the dust is there." He
argued, very logically, that the dust
must either be removed by carrying it away,
or destroyed by keeping it wet. The latter
mode he preferred, and, from all the
inquiries he had made, he thought that the
best mode of effecting it would be by em-
ploying Mr. Espy to open the clouds twice
every day and let fall a shower upon the
whole length of the Avenue.

A gentleman proposed to amend this by
adding "except when it rains."

Another one thought that by far the bet-
ter plan would be to carry the dust off eve-
ry day; "for," said he, "this would be
striking at the root of the evil."

Another thought that the Avenue itself
was a nuisance. He was a man of taste,
and maintained that the whole space, a mile
long and nearly two hundred feet wide, now
covered with stone and gravel and dust,
and thus entirely destroyed for any useful
purpose, should be handsomely sodded, en-
closed by a neat iron railing, and planted on
either side with beds of flowers and rows of
trees. He described the effect such an ar-
rangement would have—upon the beauty,
health, and moral condition of the city.
"Where you now behold," he remarked,
"but a dreary waste, visions of exquisite
beauty would then captivate your senses.
Instead of pestilential dust, every breeze
would waft to your mansions the most de-
lightful odors. Here a grove of the tree of
Heaven, and there a bed of gorgeous pop-
pies would load the air with their rich per-
fume. The ladies, now afraid to venture
out until the wind has lulled or the sun
has set, would no longer be restricted to
the walls of their dwelling, but, in the de-
lightful shade, would walk forth at all hours
of the day, improving their health and their
beauty, and filling all the stores with pro-
fitable customers. No longer would the
groan of dull times grate harshly upon the
ear, but business would be at once revived
and our coffers would overflow with plenty.
The moral effect upon society and upon the
members of the National Legislature would
be of the happiest character, making the
lambs all gentler, and soothing the lions in-

to lambs. Then, instead of our city being
deserted during the summer months, stran-
gers would flock to it from all parts of the
Union as to a paradise, and in our midst
there would be one continual scene of pur-
est joy."

The delivery of these remarks produced
such an effect upon the meeting that the
plan was about being adopted by acclama-
tion, when another gentleman arose and
stated that, observing the feeling of the
meeting, he would not object to the plan
just proposed, but he would humbly ask
leave to submit a few remarks that he had
prepared, and which he thought would
show not only what was best to be done,
but what was most feasible. The plan
proposed by the gentleman who had just
taken his seat he admitted was an excellent
one, but he feared that, under present cir-
cumstances, there would be some difficulty
in effecting it. What he was about to sug-
gest was not any particular plan for reme-
dying the evil at once, but rather a scheme
by which the citizens of Washington could
gain such an influence in Congress as
would enable them hereafter to carry any
and every measure that might be for the
benefit of the city.

[Here several members drew closer to
the speaker, and the gentleman who was
reading the newspaper laid it down.]

"My plan, Sir," he continued, "is to
organize a society to be called *The Society
for the Moral and Physical Improvement of
Washington*. It will consist of seven classes
of members. The main design will be to
persuade as many enterprising, industrious,
and intelligent young men as possible to
remove from Washington into the States,
they first giving a pledge to use every
effort to be returned from their respective
States as members of Congress, and we
pledging ourselves to aid them by our pens
and purses. By following out this plan
with energy, we can soon have representa-
tives from every State in the Union. They
will come among us, not as strangers in a
strange land, but as to their own firesides,
their heart overflowing with desires to do
us good. Instance several who are now
in Congress. And thus we will have so
large a number there, all feeling the deep-
est interest in the welfare of the city, that
whatever may be for our benefit will be
easily adopted. Then, indeed, will Wash-
ington prosper. It will at once arise as a
Phoenix from its ashes, and will tower
aloft till lost in the effulgence of its glory."

As soon as the gentleman had finished,
the members pressed around and shook
him heartily by the hand, loading him with
thanks for suggesting so admirable and easy
a relief from thralldom.

One member was about to question the
practicability of the plan, but he was told
that that could be easily attended to in a
supplementary bill.

I have already taken up so much room
that I am compelled to stop, though I would
like to send you an abstract of more of the
proceedings of this interesting meeting.

On the conclusion of the remarks relative
to the organization of the new society, an
appropriate song was sung. The sheet up-
on which it is written is so defaced that the
words are scarcely legible, but as near as I
can ascertain, one verse reads thus:

"Dust—dust—dust—
In kitchen, parlor, and store.
And dust—dust—dust,
At every breath I draw.
It's oh, to be at sea
Scraping away an anchor's rust,
Where a man may at least breathe full and
free,
If this is Washington dust."

FOR RENT.—The House just vacated by
Lieut. P. Lee, on H street, between 17th
and 18th streets, near the President's House, being
a three-story brick house, with small carriage house,
&c., pleasantly located, will be rented to a good ten-
ant, with or without the furniture, very reasonably.
Enquire of SELBY PARKER,
Pennsylvania avenue, or of Wm. H. Parker, on the
premises. April 16-tf

GARDEN SEED

Wholesale and retail.
WEATHERFIELD GARDEN SEEDS, for
sale on E street, 3 doors from 11th
street east. Just received and now opening,
a large supply of Garden Seed, red and white; On-
ion sets, Garlic sets; early Peas, Beans, Corn,
and a general assortment of Seeds.
All orders promptly attended to.
THOS. C. WILSON,
General Agent. April 30-tf